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(54) **Protective container for washing underwear**

(57) A container which is used for protecting underwired bras from becoming entangled and damaged during washing in a machine. Holes 5 in the rigid receptacle 1 prevent bra material from protruding from its body but allow water to move freely in and out. A screw on lid 2 is secured by locking spigots (3) Fig 2 which locate in recesses (4) Fig 3 on the top surface of the receptacle.

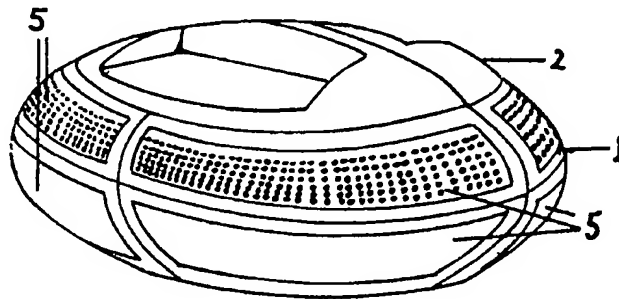


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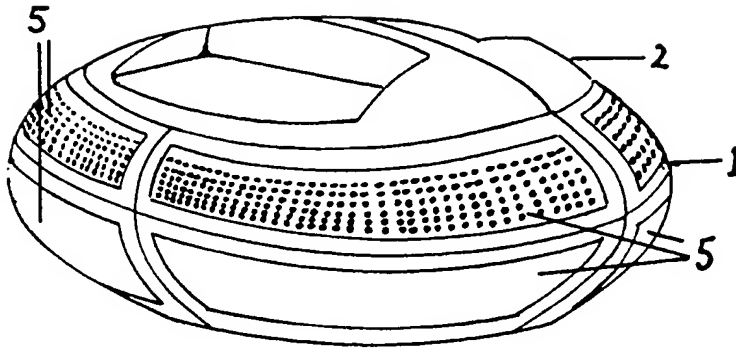


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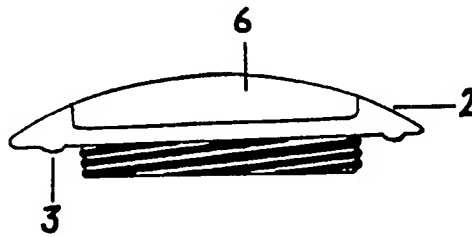


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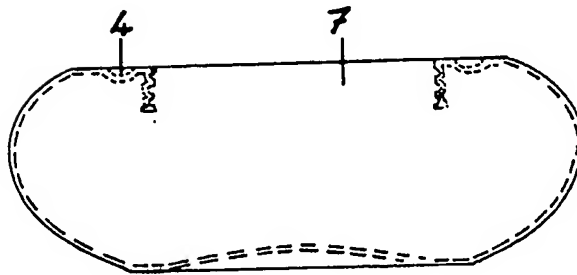


FIG 3

PROTECTIVE CONTAINER FOR WASHING UNDERWEAR

This invention relates to a protective container for bras to be used in washing machines.

Washing underwired bras in washing machines is not recommended. The vigorous washing action can entangle it with other clothing causing the bra material surrounding the end of the wire to tear or the wire lodges in the drainage holes in the tub and bends. The result makes the bra unfit for further use.

According to the present invention there is provided a rigid plastic container for bras comprising of a receptacle with holes in it, a lid, means for securing the lid and a recessed handle on the lid.

A specific embodiment of the invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:-

Fig 1 Shows in perspective the container with the lid secured.

Fig 2 Shows the screw on lid.

Fig 3 Shows a cross section through the receptacle.

Referring to the drawing the container comprises of a receptacle 1 with holes in it 5 and a lid 2. When in place the lid is secured by two spigots 3 which locate in two recesses 4 on the top surface of the receptacle .

To open the container twist off the lid using the recessed handle 6. Place a bra inside the receptacle via the opening 7. Replace the lid and secure it.

The holes in the receptacle are small enough to prevent bra material from protruding, but allow water to move freely in and out.

To remove the bra the steps above are carried out in the reverse sequence.

CLAIMS

1 A rigid plastic container for bras comprising of a receptacle with holes in it, a lid, means for securing the lid and a recessed handle on the lid.

2 A rigid plastic container for bras as claimed in claim 1 wherein holes in the receptacle allow water to move in and out.

3 A rigid plastic container for bras as claimed in claim 1 and 2 wherein the size of the holes prevent the bra material from protruding from the receptacle.

4 A rigid plastic container for bras as claimed in any preceding claims wherein securing means are provided by at least one spigot and recess on the lid and receptacle respectively.

5 A rigid plastic container for bras substantially as described herein with reference to figures 1-3 of the accompanying drawings.

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